

You read on this page yesterday a press dispatch from London quoting King Michael of Romania as saying that he was forced to abdicate by "a government installed and maintained in power by a foreign country."

Michael didn't name any names, but, in case you didn't know, the name of the interfering foreign power is Russia.

Michael's on his way over to America, stopping off in England just long enough to say his piece for the papers.

All this might be impressive enough but for the fact that Americans have a long memory, and our main recollection about Romania is that somebody from there was coming over here for help on frequent occasions — but it was always a different nation they were coming out with.

If you're my age or older you'll recall that between two world wars America had a visit from Dowager Queen Marie, grandmother of Michael. Her son, Carol (Michael's father), followed her to the West.

Michael's mother, Queen Marie, was not welcome to the United States. Marie came over to raise an American son for Romania. Carol came over apparently because he was under suspicion of having raised too many loans at home to support his army.

In this particular case, it was supposed to be under British protection. Years before that she had fought on the side of Russia against the Turks. Then, later on, she signed an alliance with Germany and Austria, but doubtless crossed them in 1918 (two wars) to fight on the side of the Allies.

From then on Romania had close ties with Britain. But now the British are in retreat from the more expensive diplomatic military subsidies this changeable kingdom has taken into the lap of Russia.

I presume my fellow Americans feel, like myself, that Michael is just another refugee from an unfortunate country — what is important is that he is a refugee from the British.

Michael's father, King Carol, was a Communist. It is stopped it will be stopped by some body besides Britain.

By JAMES THRASHER  
New York, March 5 — (AP) — King Michael of Romania, who fled from his country last night, is expected to arrive in London today.

Day dinners are seldom of much public significance. On these occasions, politicians, army officials, and other party's dignitaries and virtue meet to hear speakers converse with all over again.

This year's dinner, however, took on a new significance. It was the first dinner given by the GOP presidential nominee giving their views on current issues before so many audiences.

Since those views might be presidential policy in one of the four states where it will be given next year, a brief digest might be of more general interest than usual.

Thomas E. Dewey favors a United States, and would make this a continuation of American aid. He feels that the combined industrial potential of the U.S. and Europe is a great asset to recovery if those countries' resources were interchanged freely and used effectively. He would also internationalize the labor and make use of its productivity.

And he favors voting the full \$6,000,000,000 that the administration asks to fund the Marshall Plan in operation.

Robert A. Taft is "very strongly in favor of extending aid to the countries of western Europe." But he does not favor "giving away" American taxpayers' money except for those specific purposes of which we can see the real value.

He does not specify the projects. Mr. Taft would rewrite the UN charter to draft a law governing the relations between the member UN governments, with a court to determine the law.

Harold Stassen, dealing with domestic matters, wants food prices stabilized at 15 per cent below the high marks of a month ago, with moderate government buying to steady the market until it finds control and lower taxes on food.

Small and new business a better chance are on the Stassen program. Though he does not think war inevitable, Mr. Stassen wants the armed forces to have their essential manpower.

Earl Warren's Lincoln Day speech dealt with what he thought Lincoln would wish his party to stand for if he were alive today.

These are highlights of the Lincoln-Warren councils. A party that reflects the "needs and views of the people" and "good citizens," but which does not prevent a man's acquiring wealth by honest effort, provided the rules are fair, a party that reflects an interest in all the racial minorities that make up America, and that does not limit membership by any boundaries of

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Arkansas: Partly cloudy this afternoon, cloudy tonight and Saturday with rain in south portion and rain or snow in north portion. Little change in temperatures.

## 14 Killed When River Towboat, Natchez, Sinks

Greenville, Miss., March 5 — (UPI) — The towboat Natchez sank in the icy waters of the Mississippi river last night, and 14 crewmen, including Capt. Jimmie Brown, were reported killed.

The bodies of two crewmen were brought ashore, but 12 others were missing and believed dead after an all-night search by rescue boats.

Twelve survivors who reached shore held out no hope that they would be found alive.

Walter Hass, of St. Louis, pilot of the ship that was familiar to every riverman from the Gulf to St. Louis, swam ashore, although painfully injured.

A sudden treacherous current in the river caused the accident. It threw the boat out of control and slammed it to bits against the bridge pier.

Hass said that in the confusion after the shattering crash he saw his ship as a home-town friend — "lose his life."

"My captain was beyond my reach," Hass said. "I saw him in the last moment when he went under with his ship."

The crash of 8 p. m. (CST) last night occurred during a routine river maneuver — the periodic transfer of a number of the towboat's barges because of unusual currents.

Some of the men were asleep preparing for their midnight shift when the Natchez, hauling three of its six oil barges up the river, suddenly was tossed into the wall of stone.

Hass said the boat "went under in 30 seconds — upside down."

Rivermen described the swift circular motion of the water — smashed the Natchez against the concrete.

Seaman Clem Collins, who was on duty at the time, said that the current had "caught hold of the tow and jerked it around straight across the river."

In a flash, the Natchez swung crazily sideward and hit the concrete, Collins said. The site of the mishap is approximately nine miles from here.

Police chief William Taggart, who received first reports of the crash, rushed to the scene with ambulances, doctors and nurses.

Taggart said he sat on the bridge watching three rescue boats pulling survivors.

"Powerful lights played over the scene," he said.

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## 'Politics'



Christine Putnam Johnston has sued Alabama Governor James Folsom, charging that he had the father of her 22-month-old son, Mrs. Johnston has disappeared from her home in Hanceville, Alabama.

## Highway Toll Inexcusable, Says Vesey

"Some statisticians have figured out that if our highway accident rate continues its present trend in the next 10 years we will have killed more persons than lost their lives in all U.S. wars combined," John P. Vesey, city attorney, told Hope Rotary club at today's luncheon in Hotel Barlow.

Introduced by Finley Ward, in charge of program, Mr. Vesey went on to blame the highway tragedy on two factors: (1) The lack of examinations and restrictions on automobile driver licenses; and (2) The lack of enforcement of the law providing for revocation of licenses for persons convicted of drunken driving.

Mr. Vesey said that once upon a time the state launched a movement to enforce the license revocation rule, and that the local municipal court forwarded to Little Rock transcripts on all drunken driving convictions here—but he said the licenses weren't revoked.

The speaker cited the experience of Pennsylvania to show that high rates of accidents are unnecessary, included in Pennsylvania's total of 3,000,000 licenses are 3,000 for drunk drivers.

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## Martin Sausser Coming Here for Concert

Martin Sausser, noted violinist will appear at the Hope High School auditorium Friday, April 23, for a joint concert with the local Choral Club.

The violin is the oldest and one of the best loved musical instruments. A history of this instrument which follows was prepared by Lillian C. Rounton.

The manufacture of a fine musical instrument is a mark of true art, a fact that is usually recognized by the general public. The Designer of a beautiful building receives recognition for his artistry very quickly; but although the designing and building of a perfect violin or other musical instrument is a valuable contribution to the world, the maker seldom receives the recognition of an artist as he should.

The designer of a splendid instrument opens the door for wonderful performers that are sure to come.

America has not added to the list of the world's greatest composers, she has not added to the list of the world's greatest musicians, she has not added to the list of the world's greatest instrument makers.

The first step to acquire this venture capital, he said, is by a "drastic revision of tax rates on both individual and corporate incomes."

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## Truman's Exit Only Answer to Peace Feelers

Washington, March 5 — (AP) — Democratic peace feelers were reported today to have bumped into an unbending Dixie stand that only President Truman's exit can halt the civil rights revolt.

Democratic Chairman J. Howard McGrath, who also is a Rhode Island senator, has been sounding out some of his Southern colleagues on the chances for a compromise.

The party split over Mr. Truman's race equality proposals also is said to have been talked over informally with some senators by Secretary of Labor Schweitzer, a former senator himself.

Some of those approached said both were told that only Mr. Truman's withdrawal as a potential candidate could bring peace.

McGrath seemingly had little to offer except a return to the 1944 party platform plank on civil rights.

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## Finns Near Decision on Russia

By The Associated Press  
The Finnish government appeared near a decision today on whether to accept an invitation for closer ties with Russia.

The Finns are the latest to be invited to dicker with the Communists.

The world struggle between the Communists and their opponents produced new developments also in Italy, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Germany and Canada.

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## Spends 39 Years Proving It Is Much More Fun to Give Than to Receive

By HAL BOYLE  
New York — (AP) — Pete McCarthy, an Irish version of the good samaritan, has spent 39 happy years proving it is more fun to give than to receive.

"I want to be the friend of the least, the last and the lost," he humbly decided long ago.

He picked as his field of labor a saloon-ridden street in Joliet, Ill., known as "Whiskey Row."

McCarthy established his famous Morning Star mission there in 1908. He did it with a Bible in one hand and a sandwich in the other — believing that "race does not fill a man's stomach and creed does not cover his back."

Since then he has fed more than 265,000 men, women and children, provided beds for 35,000, converted 13,000 at the mission's small altar and made 12,000 visits to police courts and jails.

In his youth Pete had been boxer and street fighter, bartender and barber. In 1901 he helped carry in furniture for a young minister who was moving in next door to him. He became interested in religion and finally decided to establish a mission on Whiskey Row, where 27 nationalities lived and 63 per cent of Joliet's crime was committed.

He rented a two-story brick building and sold his own house and two other pieces of property. The first night in his mission, he put a kerosene lamp on the floor, knelt and prayed.

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## Wants U. S. Arms Used



Lt. General Albert C. Wedemeyer, left, former wartime U. S. China Theater Commander, who last year made a secret report on the situation in China, has told a House Foreign affairs committee that China must be protected with movement of Communism. With him at the hearing is Chairman Charles Eaton.

## Here and There in Arkansas

Memphis, Tenn., March 5 — (AP) — Election of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as president was proposed by the Cotton Trade Journal in an editorial today as a way out of the south's political dilemma.

The editorial proposed that Southern Democrats support Gen. MacArthur for president "whether he runs on a Democratic or Republican ticket."

The editorial attacked President Truman's proposed civil rights legislation.

Little Rock, March 5 — (AP) — Herne Northcutt Jr., of Salem, former attorney for the Arkansas revenue and highway departments, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for prosecutor of the 16th judicial circuit. He filed his corrupt practices pledge with the secretary of state today.

The circuit includes Baxter, Fulton, Izard, Sharp and Randolph counties. Incumbent is Harrell Simpson.

Little Rock, March 5 — (AP) — E. L. Morgan, convicted of embezzlement in Little Rock county, has appealed his one-year prison sentence to the Arkansas Supreme Court today.

Little Rock, March 5 — (AP) — Alix B. Four Coal, Co. Alix, Ark., filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today.

Authorized capital was listed at 500 shares of \$100 par value. Incorporators are Fred Dornick and Louis Krane, Alix, Philip J. Krane, Ozark, and George John Krane, Denning.

Little Rock, March 5 — (AP) — A. B. Wetherington Jr. resigned today as superintendent of school transportation for the Arkansas Department of Education.

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## Taft Voices Approval of Red Agency

Washington, March 5 — (AP) — Senator Taft of Ohio today lined up with Senator Vandenberg of Michigan against trying to set up a new world agency to block communism.

The opposition of the two Republican leaders spelled doom for the plan advanced by four of their GOP colleagues: Senators Earl Warren (Mich.), Charles McNary (Ind.) and Clegg (Iowa).

Taft is chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee. Vandenberg heads the Foreign Relations Committee and is the Senate's presiding officer.

The super agency idea was offered as an amendment to the \$5,300,000,000 European recovery program.

It would direct the president to try to create an 11-nation "supreme council" outside the United Nations. There would be no veto against the use of armed force to stop "aggression or subversion."

Taft told a reporter he is not willing to surrender the veto power which the United States now has in the United Nations Security Council unless the U. N. charter is rewritten.

Vandenberg, who rejected the plan outright Wednesday, also is opposed to junking the big power veto held by Britain, France, Russia and China.

He told the Senate he has advocated its removal "down to the point" where the use of force is involved. But he said the pending plan would let other countries decide when the United States should go to war.

## Cold Sends Temperatures Downward

Chicago, March 5 — (AP) — Temperatures dropped to midwinter levels in some parts of the country today as cold weather chilled an area from Colorado to Maine.

The mercury tumbled to 25 below in Cadillac, Mich., as clear, cold weather covered the northern and eastern sections of the nation.

Readings of below zero were reported from New England across much of the Great Lakes area to Montana, North Dakota and along the continental divide from Montana to northeastern New Mexico.

Sub-zero marks included -23 at Canton, N. Y.; -27 at Bonadiri, Minn.; -42 at Trinidad, Colo.; -41 at St. Cloud, Minn.; -7 at Caribou, Me.; Green Bay, Wis.; and Denver, and -2 at Rochester, N. Y.

Rain and drizzle fell from the western gulf coast into Texas. There was freezing rain and sleet in central Oklahoma and snow in Kansas and Nebraska.

Heavy snow falls were reported in sections of Kansas, with Ellis reporting 20 inches on the ground and Dodge City 13 inches. Western Kansas wheat growers said the snow fall was the "best thing that could happen" to their new crop.

A heavy blanket of snow remains over the northern section of the country from the Rockies to New England.

## Truman Asks End to WAA by June 30

Washington, March 5 — (AP) — President Truman asked Congress today to wind up the War Assets Administration June 30.

The disposal of remaining domestic surplus war property would be transferred to the Federal Works Agency.

Of the original \$40,000,000,000 worth of surplus property, about \$3,400,000,000 will remain to be disposed of at home by June 30.

The \$600,000,000 worth left to be sold abroad by that date would be transferred from the State Department to the owning agencies now handling these agencies primarily are the army and navy departments.

Mr. Truman also recommended that government procurement and disposal functions be consolidated by transferring the War Assets Administration to the Federal Supply to the works agency.

In a special message to Congress Mr. Truman said:

The enactment of such legislation will abolish our largest remaining war agency and provide for an orderly liquidation of the program.

It will establish an improved system for managing the government's property and mark a major advance toward the development of a central service agency for the federal government. These steps will make an important contribution to the efficient and economical conduct of the government.

## Check 'Artist' Wanted in at Least 5 States

Chief W. L. Tate said this morning that he was likely that Hope would get the hot check artist that swindled a local bank out \$570 as he was wanted in at least five states and by the FBI.

Arrested at Union City, Tennessee the swindler, W. E. Weston, admitted to officers that he passed a bad check on a Hope bank for \$800 during the week of February 6.

Following a telephone conversation with Union City Police Chief D. C. Roberts this morning it was learned that the FBI is seeking custody of Weston.

The local police department has sent a warrant to Union City and will go after the swindler if they can bring him back to Hempstead county for prosecution.

## Ex-CIO Official Sentenced Under Communist Oath Law

Washington, March 5 — (AP) — Harold Christoffel, former CIO union officer in Milwaukee, today was sentenced to serve from two to six years in prison for denying under oath he was a Communist.

Before sentencing Christoffel, Federal District Judge Edward M. Curran turned down a request by O'John Rogge, chief of defense counsel, for a new trial.

The defendant, firm-faced, replied "No, sir" when asked by Curran whether he had anything to say before sentence was passed.

Christoffel is a former president of Local 294, of the United Auto Workers at the Milwaukee plant of the All-Chalmers Company.

He was convicted on six counts of perjury before the House Labor Committee a year ago.

Christoffel testified he had never been a Communist or had connections with the Communist party.

## Refuses to Hand Over Records on Dr. Condon

Washington, March 5 — (AP) — The Commerce Department, stuck by its guns today and refused again to hand over to the House un-American activities its loyalty records on Dr. Edward U. Condon.

John L. Towne, secretary of the department's loyalty board, came before the committee in response to a subpoena directing that he show up with the papers.

But he didn't have the papers. Nor would he answer questions about them.

Secretary of Commerce Harrison advised the committee by letter last night that the records would not be turned over to the committee members. He said that this was being done in the public interest.

In this situation:

1. Committee members talked of asking congress to pass a law forcing Harrison to surrender the papers.

2. Harrison's stand was lambasted in speeches on the house floor by Reps. McKinnor (R-Minn.), Hoffman (R-Mich.) and Rich (R-Ill.).

Rich said: "The only way we will ever get anything of benefit out of those bureaus downtown is to clean house—next November."

3. An un-American activities subcommittee last Monday asked that the full committee hold formal public hearings on the case of Condon director of the National Bureau of Standards.

4. Condon himself told reporters, that "uh, certainly, in favor of hearings. As a matter of fact, he said, he asked for them last July."

Condon is the 46-year-old Bureau of Standards director described by an Un-American Activities subcommittee last Monday as "one of the weakest links" in atomic security. Condon snapped back that the country has nothing to worry about, that he is "absolutely reliable."

The bureau tests many of the government's most secret scientific developments.

The full un-American Activities Committee had demanded that Harrison produce the records in which the department's loyalty board found "no reproachable conduct."

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## APL Can Purchase Jones Mill

Little Rock, March 5 — (AP) — The Arkansas Power and Light Company has been authorized to purchase the incomplete steam-electric generating plant at Jones Mills on Lake Catherine.

The Arkansas Public Service Commission authorized the utility to create a wholly-owned subsidiary and through it purchase the plant. The subsidiary would be the Lake Catherine Corporation.

The commission was told by A. P. L. President C. Hamilton Moses that the plant would be ready for operation by early 1950. He estimated \$9,000,000 expenditure would be required in completing the plant.

The commission's order, signed yesterday, directed that APL purchase the subsidiary's \$1,000,000 worth of common stock and that the subsidiary pay the War Assets Administration \$225,000 for the power plant.

The APL application related that WAA require the purchaser to deliver up to 20 kilowatts to the Reynolds Metals Company Aluminum Plant at Jones Mill.

## LSU Students Rough on Strip Teaser

Baton Rouge, La., March 5 — (UPI) — Stormy the stripper nursed a big bunch of bruises today and tried to figure out what's wrong with her act.

Patronize her New Orleans night club like it when the black haired beauty takes 'em off. They applaud and yell for more.

Students at Louisiana State University are different, Stormy found out yesterday.

The sultry 21-year-old stripper turned up here with the band from her club and went into an impromptu peep show a big truck in the middle of the LSU campus to settle a score with a dean who disapproved her meddling in school politics.

But when she started taking 'em off, students started hanging 'em on. On Stormy.

She came away with a scraped foot, four loose teeth, a puffed-up lower lip, an ominously black eye and no clothes.

Wet, too. She got dunked in the campus lake.

At least one co-ed soaked her, Stormy said, but male students who soaked her were different. Stormy found out yesterday.

"Boys will be boys," is the only explanation she can muster.

It all started when Stormy, whose name is Stacie Laurence, said she intended to campaign on the campus for Pat McIntyre, who was running for president of the student body.

LSU officials warned her, "Don't come," they said. Pat wasn't enthusiastic, either. He almost expelled when, as editor of the campus magazine, he put out an issue carrying a hot interview with the stripper and then browned Stormy to the field house to autograph copies and boost circulation.



## Refuses to

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grounds exist for believing that Dr. Condon is disloyal to the government.

But Harriman said it would be against the public interest to turn over the papers to the committee. He said he agrees with the findings of his department's loyalty board.

He added, however, that "in view of the public interest in this matter," he is asking the Civil Service Commission's loyalty review board to look at the records.

The House committee had said Condon "knowingly or unknowingly" had associated with suspected Russian spies.

Harriman took his stand in a letter addressed to Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ) of the Un-American Activities Committee.

The secretary said Attorney General Clark had advised him that the "executive branch is not as a matter of law" required to supply such information to the committee.

Rather, he quoted Clark, it "has the duty" to use its own judgment.

In the Condon case, Harriman said it is his judgment that it would be "prejudicial to the public interest."

He said the Condon file includes confidential information from other government agencies. He said it also contains names of people who gave information to government investigators "on the assurance that their action in so doing would not be disclosed."

## Daily Bread

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national or economic interests.

The above excerpts are sketchy, but they do indicate trends of thinking. They are not the first or last statements on these subjects by the four candidates. But they give a partial idea of qualities which will guide voters and convention delegates in choosing a Republican standard bearer.

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## Sleepy Snake



Not even handling by as cute a "snake charmer" as 7-year-old Elaine Bailey can rouse this four-foot pull snake from its winter nap. The sleeping snake was dug up by Elaine's brother near their Hutchinson, Kan., home. It had burrowed two feet underground to hibernate.

## Finns Near

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for a treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

Two of the three top political groups already have given their advice. The third — the Agrarian party, with 48 of parliament's 200 seats — is expected to do so today.

Both the other groups — the Communist-Radical Socialist Popular Front, with 51 seats, and the Social Democrats, with 48 — came out for negotiating with Russia. But the Social Democrats insisted yesterday that Finland stay out of military alliances.

Izvestia, the Soviet government's Moscow newspaper, commented today on the treaty proposal that "only a policy of friendship with the Soviet Union can ensure Finnish national independence."

In Italy, the lines were drawn for a test between Communists and anti-Communists at the polls. The test will come in the election of the republic's first parliament April 18.

Yesterday was the last day to register candidates for 574 deputies and around 400 senators. Twenty-

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river," Taggart said. "My count of survivors is 12, with 14 dead. Those boats got there mighty fast, otherwise the death toll would have been higher."

Hass gave Miss Fay Buford, night superintendent at King's Daughters Hospital here, details of the accident and the number of crewmen aboard the Natchez before he was put to bed. He had a leg injury and was suffering from mild shock.

The standard oil towboat, Schio-Latonia, picked up most of the survivors from the ice and brought them to the Greenville River terminal.

The hospital said a thorough examination of the crewmen, including X-ray pictures to spot broken bones, would be made after they recover from shock and exposure. It was not believed any were seriously injured, however.

Hass, a veteran riverboat pilot who knows every trick of old "Big Muddy," said the Natchez was moving upstream under normal conditions about 9 p. m. last night, time of the accident.

Behind the powerful Natchez was a line of seven oil barges, low in the water, attached by two tow lines. About 12 miles below Greenville, there is a sharp bend, laced by treacherous currents. Hass knew it to be one of the most dangerous passes on the long river trip from New Orleans to St. Louis.

Hass ordered half the barges cut from the tow and tied up downstream. Then the Natchez moved slowly and cautiously upstream again with just three of the barges. "As we reached the bridge," Hass said, "we were caught in a sudden eddy. This cross-current caused us to lose control. Almost before we knew it, the Natchez was smashed broadside against a bridge pier."

The jarring blow, Hass said, snapped the tow lines and sent three barges skittering out into the stream.

"The crash came with such suddenness that almost no one had a chance to brace for it," he said. "Some men were hurled over the side by the impact. Others jumped in behind them. Those below decks had almost no chance. She sank almost instantly — within 30 seconds, I'd say."

The Natchez, operated by the federal barge line, was split open by the impact. She was a comparatively small unit of the fleet of eight riverboats operated by the freight line. It was believed she was almost beyond salvage.

In the seconds before the crash, the radio operator of the Natchez jumped to his telegraph key and tapped out an urgent SOS. It was picked up by an alert amateur radio operator at Greenville, who summoned rescuers.

Five vessels, the Schio-Latonia, the Zenith, the Casablanca, the Blue Seal and the Irene Sholten, went to the scene. The Greenville dock was soon jammed with ambulances and police cars with searchlights.

It was a cold night with a tempest an hour wind whipping down from the northeast and the mercury was in the middle 40's.

Crewman Lester Smith of Hickman, Ky., said he could not swim and thought who he jumped overboard that he would never come out alive.

"But God be praised, as I hit that old water a life preserver from the good old Natchez came floating right by," he said. "I gave a lunge for it and grabbed hold. It was sure a mighty good feeling, that life preserver. It kept me up for 30 minutes before I was rescued."

## Martin Sauser

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ish made by these artists was a secret that died with them. Their virtuosity and manner of playing it, is thought to add much to the tone of their instruments. These Stradivarius, Guarnerius and Amati violins are tremendously expensive today, and most of them are owned by the great violinists, Josefa Heifetz is said to own a "Strad" and a Guarnerius. They are the medium for the production of tones of marvelous depth and mellowness.

The violin is supremely the "singing instrument." It is the most intimate of all instruments, responding to every gradation of movement from the performer's fingers, hand and arm. All his skill should be used to make his hearers.

one parties and a two-party bloc have filed tickets.

The main campaigners are Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democrats and the bloc — the Communist-Socialist Popular front.

Each is forecasting victory for itself. Well informed observers predict that each instead will get around 40 per cent of an expected 25,000,000 votes, leaving the balance of power with smaller parties.

The big question, they say, is what the Communists will do if this prediction comes true and De Gasperi then forms another government excluding Communist ministers. The Communists claim to have arms hidden and an underground "shadow government" in readiness.

In Czechoslovakia, security police last night announced the arrest of a former official of the Catholic People's Party, Felix Uhl, on a charge of spying for an unnamed foreign power.

In Germany, an official of the American Military government, speaking by radio from Berlin, told the people "Red Fascists" have grabbed power in Czechoslovakia. Richard M. Scammon of Minneapolis, chief of the AMG's elections and political parties branch, said that proved "there can be no compromise with totalitarianism."

A reliable Austrian government source in Vienna professed to see signs of a general Communist offensive against the government with Russian help. He pointed to a recent industrial strike wave.

In Canada, an Ottawa government informant said border police have been ordered, by cabinet decision to keep foreign Communists out of the country.

Communists from the United States in Canada as labor union officials were said to be particular targets of the ruling.

## Red Plot in Czechoslovakia Follows Familiar Pattern



The drive by Czech Reds to seize control of Czechoslovakia follows a time-tested Communist routine—accusing leaders of the democratic opposition of "conspiracy," forcing their resignation or forcibly ousting them, as was done in semi-autonomous Slovakia. The map shows how, usually by this tactic, most of the eight eastern European countries within the Soviet sphere of influence have been reduced to servile satellites of the USSR.

## Practical Yolk



A hen, belonging to Bradley Stern, of Greene, N. Y., laid a perfect double egg. The whole egg, top, was formed inside the larger one, below. Both were complete in every detail, the larger weighing six ounces.

## Timely Tips on Things to Prepare

It's Time To—Improve your drainage system by untopping and cleaning out that farm field ditch.

Use high-yielding hybrid seed corn that has been proved in your county on all corn land.

Fence posts made in March are easily peeled.

Have herd tested for Bangs disease.

Make the brooder house ready for chicks to arrive in a few days. Give hedges and formal doorway plantings their spring trimming.

New growth will soon hide the pruning scars.

Apply fertilizer to trees that have been in poor health. A handful of complete fertilizer applied in holes made with a crowbar will give the trees a new lease on life.

Mow the old grass as short as the mower will cut to hasten the appearance of new grass.

Make successive plantings of such vegetables as radishes, leaf lettuce, onions, carrots, beets, etc., to prolong the fresh supply of tender crops.

Purchase sweet Sudan grass seed for summer supplemental pasture.

See that planting machinery is in good working condition.

## Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., March 4 (P)—Hogs, 6,000; fairly active; weights under 240 lbs. and sows 25 to 50 cents higher than Thursday's average; heavier weights steady to 25 higher; good and choice 180-240 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 25-30 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 30-35 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 35-40 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 40-45 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 45-50 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 50-55 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 55-60 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 60-65 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 65-70 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 70-75 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 75-80 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 80-85 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 85-90 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 90-95 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 95-100 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 100-105 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 105-110 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 110-115 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 115-120 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 120-125 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 125-130 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 130-135 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 135-140 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 140-145 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 145-150 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 150-155 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 155-160 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 160-165 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 165-170 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 170-175 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 175-180 lbs. 23.00-25.00; 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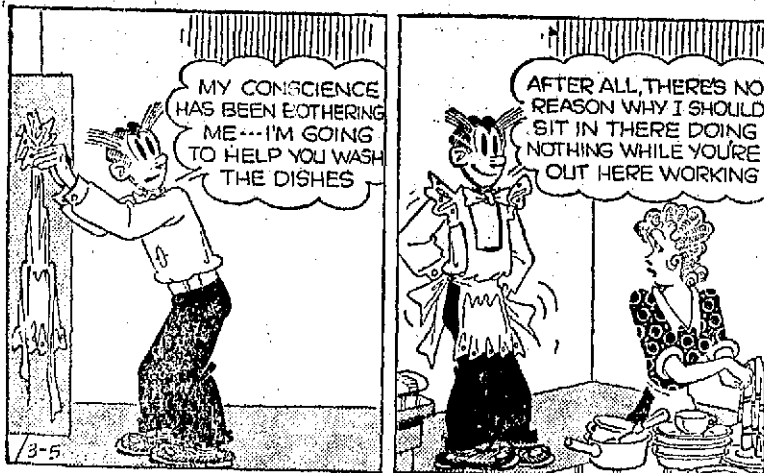








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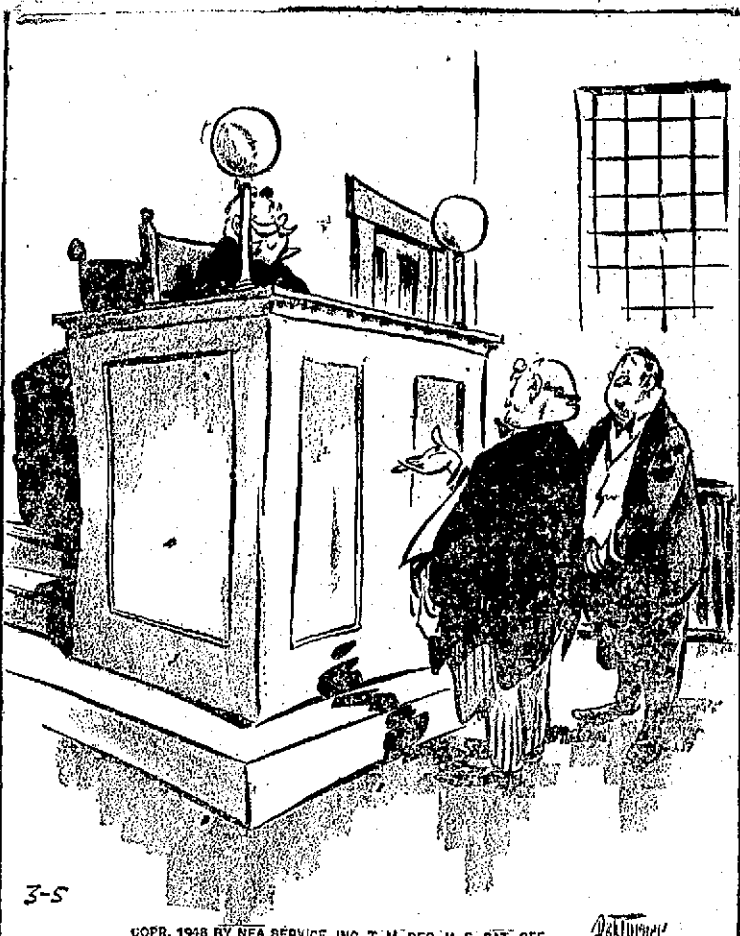
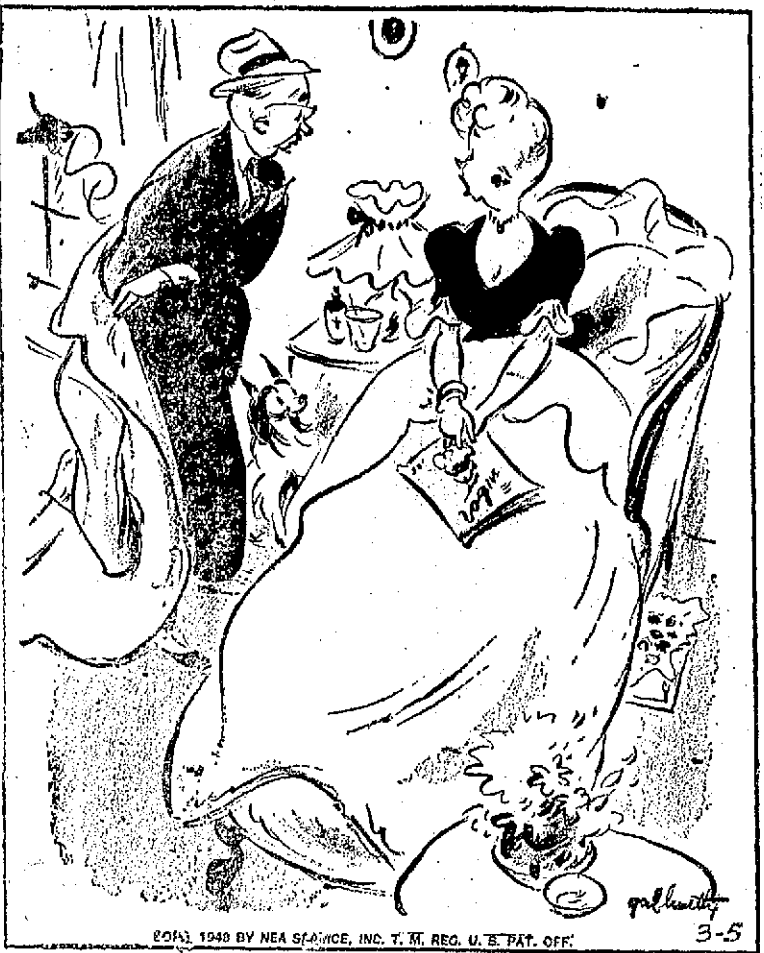
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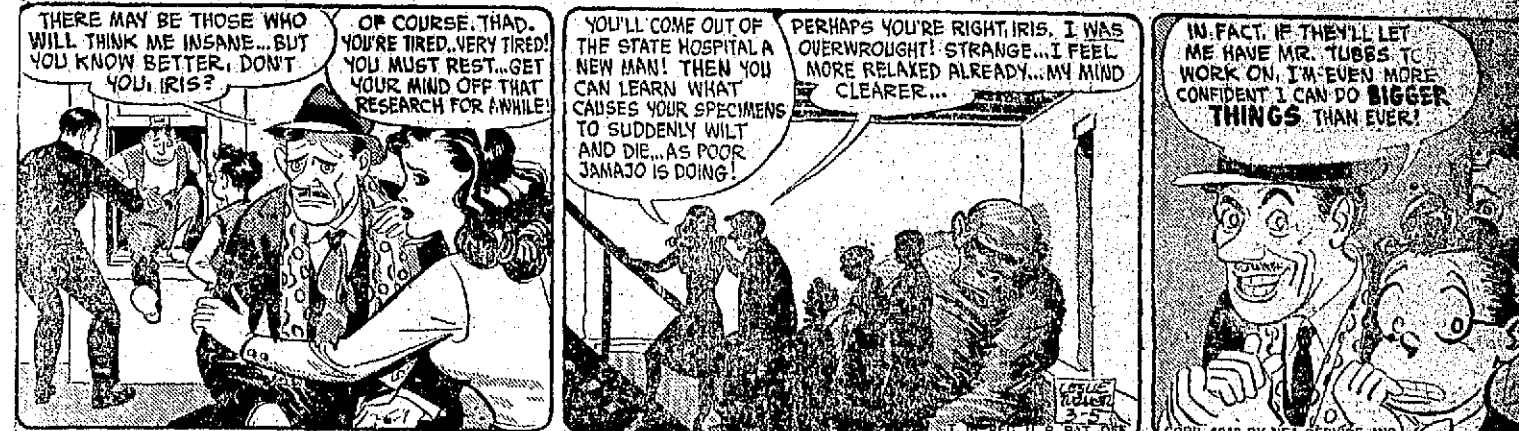
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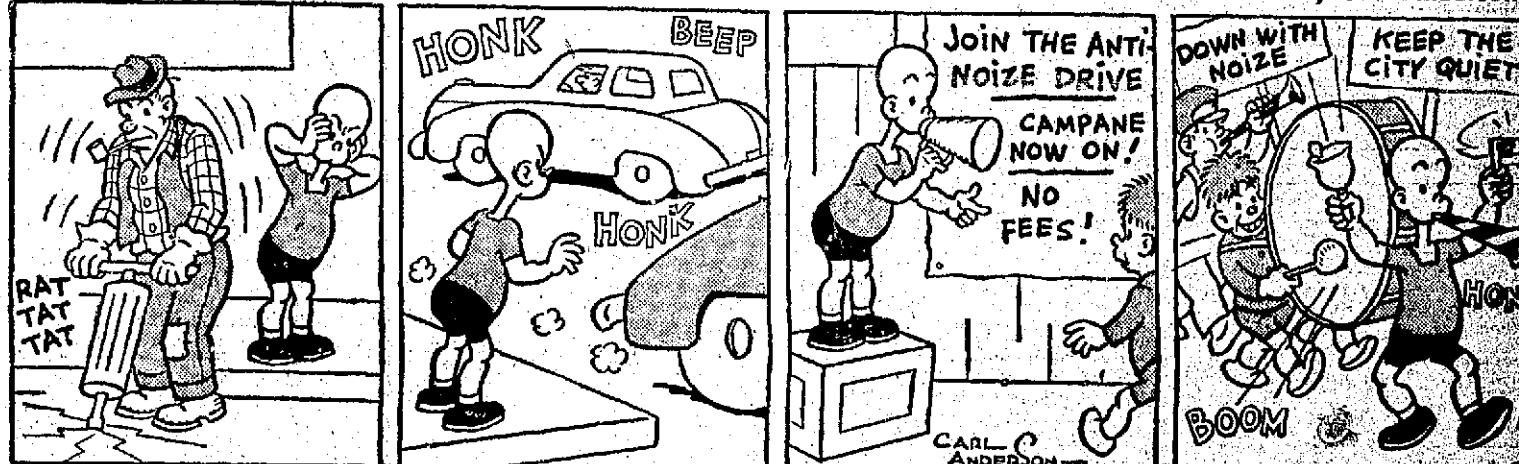
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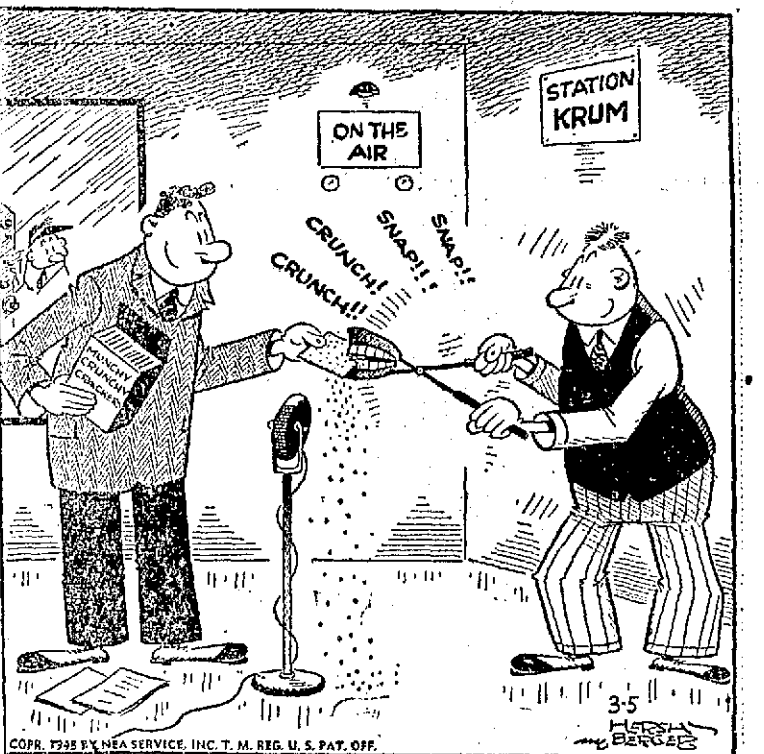
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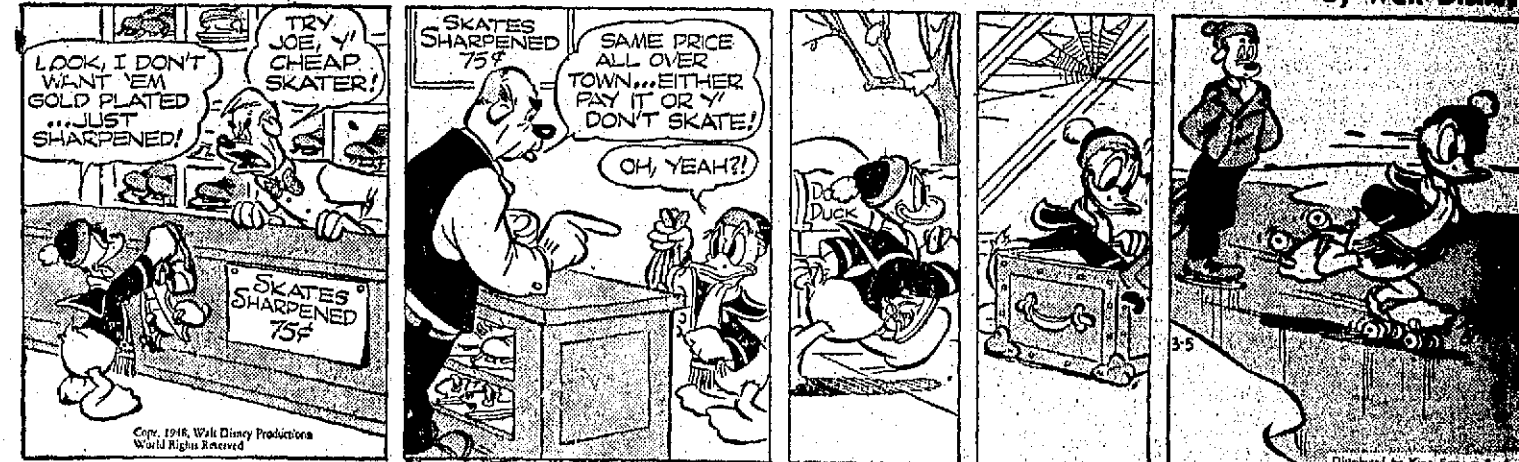
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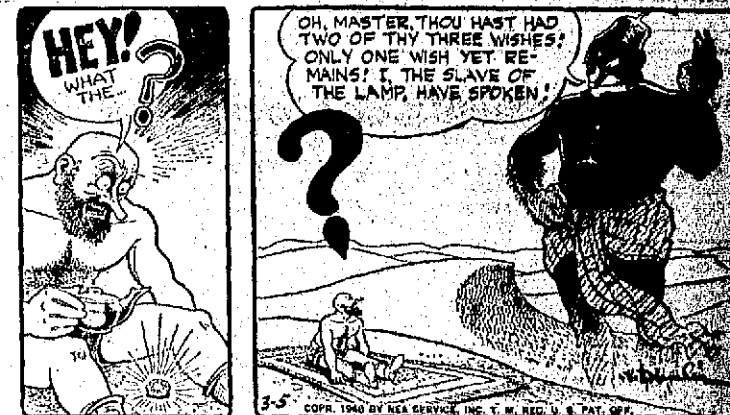
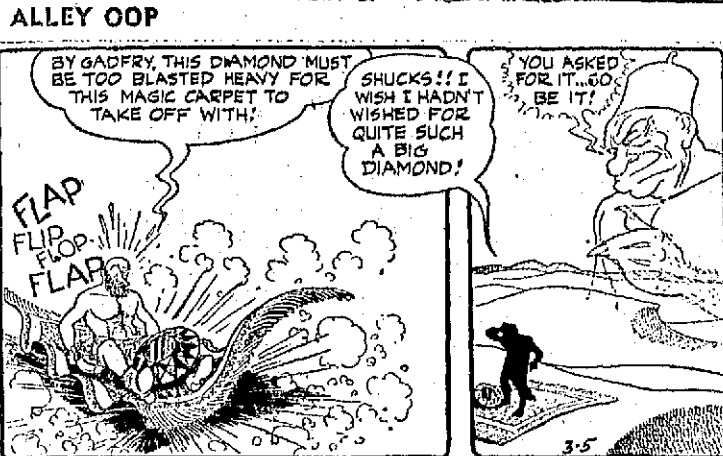
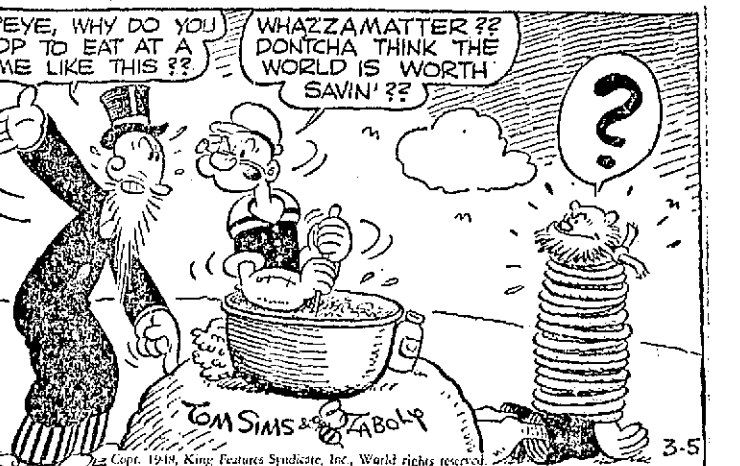
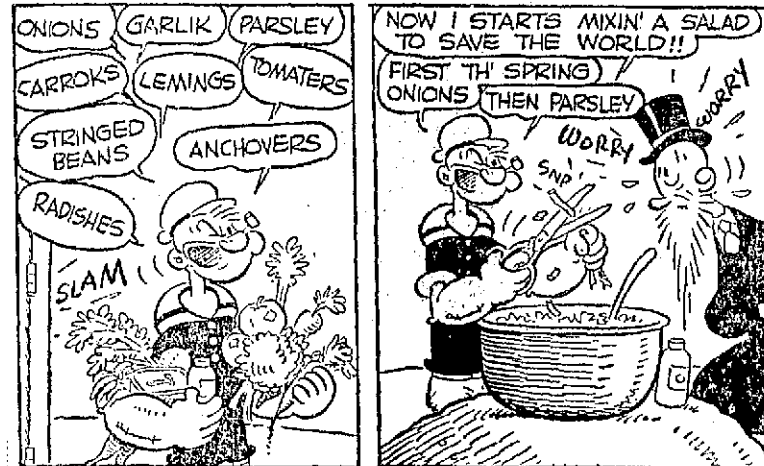
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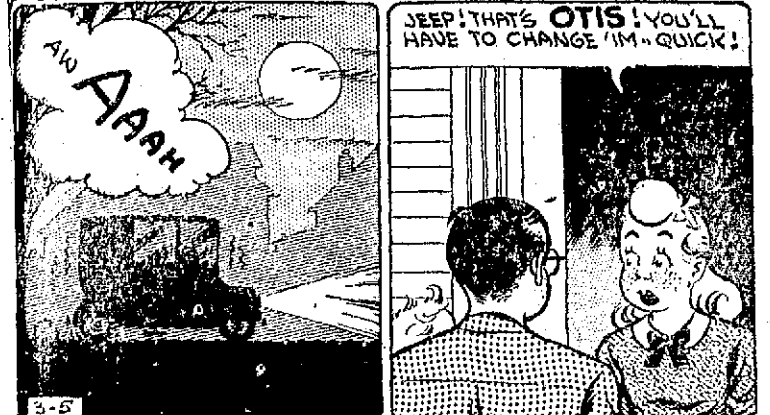
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• Raymond Hatton

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• HENRY FONDA in

"Drums Along  
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## Captain Shouts Orders Until Last

The following eyewitness account of the sinking of the Natchez was given to the United Press today by Capt. Walter Hass, of St. Louis from his hospital bed.

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## Alcohol May Be Answer to Fuel Problem

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An alcoholic kick into auto engines may bring a day of:

High-power performance on low-grade gasoline.

Trucks and autos climbing hills in high instead of creeping up in low.

Economical driving on the flat, with a ready surge of power when needed.

Part of your power coming from corn cobs or grains.

These possibilities from use of alcohol as liquid fuel were described today by Dr. G. E. Hilbert, director of the Northern Regional Research Laboratory, U. S. Department of Agriculture at Peoria, Ill., to the National Farm Chemurgic Council conference.

There are some "ifs and buts."

A gallon of alcohol can be blended with nine gallons of low-grade gasoline to make 10 gallons of premium anti-knock fuel, he said. The blends wouldn't require any changes in engine design or readjustment.

Something different, for the extra burst of power and greater readiness available which can inject mixtures of alcohol and water.

This was done with airplanes during the war. The alcohol injections would take trucks uphill in high gear.

Such power is needed only occasionally. The rest of the time engines could operate on cheaper, lower octane gasoline. This would save oil reserves, for it takes more crude oil to produce high-octane gasoline.

The biggest "if" is the present high price of alcohol. Dr. Hilbert said. Even if corn cost a dollar a bushel, alcohol would cost 50 cents a gallon under present recovery prices. But this may not mean so much within a few years.

Regardless of this price difference, there are many instances where the use of alcohol-water injection with low-grade gasoline will be cheaper and give better operation than premium grade gasoline.

Present petroleum reserves apparently are enough for many years. And plants are being built to make synthetic fuel from coal and natural gas. It future demands outstrip this supply, or send costs up, alcohol from farm products may enter the picture, Dr. Hilbert said.

Two types of farm products offer possibilities for liquid fuels. One is starchy crops, like grains. The other is agricultural residues, like corn cobs, sugarcane bagasse, and straw.

Methods of making alcohol from grains